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SUBJECT: FINLAND PREPARING FORMAL RECOGNITION OF ANGOLAN PEOPLES  
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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE TOLD POLOFF TODAY (FEB 17) THAT FORMAL RECOGNITION OF PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK. FINAL DECISION IS EXPECTED FRIDAY (FEB 20) WHEN GOVERNMENT MEETS IN FORMAL SESSION WITH PRIME MINISTER MIETTUNEN AS ACTING PRESIDENT. DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT KEKKONEN HOWEVER, WHO IS VACATIONING IN BRAZIL. MINISTRY NOW AWAITING HIS EXPECTED CONSENT IN RESPONSE TO CABLE FORWARDED THROUGH FINNISH EMBASSY IN BRASILIA.

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2. WEEKEND RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

THAT IT HAD BEGUN STEPS TO RECOGNIZE ANGOLA (REFTEL) HAS BEEN GENERALLY POSITIVE ALTHOUGH NATION'S LARGEST NEWS-PAPER, INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT, WHILE APPROVING MINISTRY'S DECISION, QUESTIONED ITS JUSTIFICATION -- PARTICULARLY ASSERTION THAT "THE TERRITORY OF ANGOLA IS PRACTICALLY SPEAKING COMPLETELY UNDER THE MPLA'S EFFECTIVE CONTROL." COMMUNISTS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, AND TRADE UNIONS HAVE ALL ISSUED STATEMENTS CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION. FOREIGN MINISTER SORSA CABLED TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S FRIDAY PRESS RELEASE TO "ANGOLAN" FOREIGN MINISTER DOS SANTOS. MEANWHILE AN ANGOLAN "TRADE UNION" DELEGATION COMPOSED OF NOE DA SILVA SAUDE AND ARISTIDES VAN DUNEM HAVE ARRIVED IN HELSINKI TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO MPLA PROPAGANDA.  
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